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MEMORANDUM

TO: Chief, SR-3
FROM: SR-3/W2
SUBJECT: Soviet Study Group

1. The Group, under the auspices of CASSOWARY 1, has been organized for the purpose of supplying CIA with political, economic, geographical and social information on the Ukraine SSR which will aid in the fulfillment of the U. S. intelligence mission.

2. The Group in its study will supply information covering FI and PP objectives of SR-3/W2:

a. Procure biographical information on the Communist Party in the Ukraine from semi-overt and covert sources. This will be desirable for future operations.

b. Gather and collate political intelligence on the Ukraine SSR and the Ukrainian emigration.

c. Produce studies on the Ukraine SSR government, from the Republic to the Raion level as well as the relationship of the Republic government to the All-Union government. Having a thorough knowledge of the inter-governmental and inter-agency rivalries and jealousies should be of great value in the U. S. psychological warfare effort.

d. Prepare propaganda material in support of the Ukrainian underground. (The U. S. government is committed to give "technical support.")

e. Prepare and submit new infiltration, penetration and defection inducement plans for Headquarters evaluation and possible implementation.

3. The proposed plan was written in memorandum form 10 November 1952 and coordinated through the following offices: C/SR-3, SR/CFI, SR/PP, SR/C, SR/1, SR/IB and all showed interest in the product which the Group will furnish.

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4. Since the information which the Group will furnish is both of a FI and PP nature, the Case Officer coordinated with FI/Plans and obtained approval of salary to be paid to the individuals within the Study Group. Under the PP portion, only cost of office space rental (\$100 - \$120 per month) and cost of office equipment and supplies is requested.

5. The following action has been taken by the SR-3/W2 Case Officer:

a. Declarations of Intents have been submitted and approved by FI/Plans and Special Contracting Office as well as the method of accounting for expenditures which will be submitted by the Principal Agent each month.

b. Cover is being established through the Cover Division and coordinated with ISS.

c. All legal aspects have and are being coordinated through Mr. Price of the Legal Office.

d. Method of rental payment, by the [] in New York, who will be the firm backstopping rental of office space and phone has been coordinated with [] of the Finance Division.

6. A recent trip to New York (6-7 June 1953) by the SR-3/W2 Case Officer and [] Cover Division, resulted in successfully working out details with the Burrelle Clipping Service for backstopping the rental of office space, payment of rent and obtaining a phone. The Case Officer will have to make one additional trip when the office space is finally leased to deliver rental money and have "Declaration of Trust" signed by Mr. Wynne, co-owner of the Burrelle Clipping Service as well as lay out final plans and means of communication to receive monthly rental receipts.

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